

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

N. SHIMOE et al.

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Examiner: M. Kidwell

For: DISPOSABLE BODY FLUIDS ABSORBENT ARTICLE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

 No additional fee is required. Small entity status of this application has been established. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. Also attached: Notice of Appeal

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	18	20	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	3	0	x \$ 84 =	\$ 0.00
If multiple claims newly presented, add \$260.00					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$ 0.00

 A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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